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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Previously presented)** A method of washing utensils in a pot and pan washing machine, the pot and pan washing machine including a wash tank, the wash tank including a plurality of nozzles each supplying a jet stream of water within the wash tank, each jet stream deflecting from at least one wall of wash tank to provide a washing action, said method comprising the steps of:

isolating a portion of the wash tank wherein at least one of the plurality of nozzles is located in said isolated portion of the wash tank and at least one other of the plurality of nozzles is located in a non-isolated portion of the wash tank; and capturing at least a substantial portion of the jet stream from the at least one of the plurality of nozzles within said isolated portion of the wash tank while at least substantially maintaining the jet stream deflection of the washing machine to provide a washing action within said isolated portion of the wash tank.

2. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of isolating a portion of the wash tank further comprises the step of positioning a utensil basket in the wash tank.

3. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 2 further comprising the step of deflecting the jet stream from the at least one of the plurality of nozzles within said isolated portion of the wash tank from at least one wall of said utensil basket to provide the washing action within said utensil basket.

4. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said utensil basket comprises:
a bottom wall including an outer perimeter;

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a rear wall extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall, said rear wall located substantially at a first end of said perimeter;

a front wall extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall, said front wall located substantially at a second end of said perimeter, said second end opposing said first end;

two side walls extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall and substantially perpendicular to said front and rear walls, said side walls substantially located at opposing sides of said perimeter; and

wherein said basket is dimensioned to utilize the washing action of the washing machine by maintaining proper deflection of the jet stream from the at least one of the plurality of nozzles within said isolated portion of the wash tank and to capture a substantial portion of the jet stream within said utensil basket.

5. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 4 wherein said utensil basket further comprises a mount for releasably securing said utensil basket to a wall of the wash tank.

6. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said mount comprises a flange extending in a horizontal direction substantially perpendicular to said rear wall, said flange adapted to engage with a horizontal groove located on the wall of the washing machine.

7. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mount further comprises a slit extending through said flange in a direction substantially perpendicular to said horizontal direction of said flange, said slit adapted to receive a rib extending from said groove in a direction substantially perpendicular to said groove.

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8. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising an inlet aperture through said rear wall adapted to receive the jet stream emanating from the at least one of the plurality of nozzles within said isolated portion of the wash tank.
9. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 4 wherein said bottom wall is substantially solid.
10. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a drain hole through said bottom wall.
11. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein said drain hole comprises perforations in said bottom wall.
12. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising at least one horizontal cross-member extending between said side walls or between said front and rear walls to divide said utensil basket into multiple compartments.
13. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said utensil basket comprises:
 - a bottom wall including an outer perimeter;
 - a rear wall extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall, said rear wall located substantially at a first end of said perimeter, said rear wall including an inlet aperture for receiving jet steam from the at least one of the plurality of nozzles within said isolated portion of the wash tank traveling in a first stream direction;

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a front wall extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall, said front wall located substantially at a second end of said perimeter, said second end opposing said first end;

two side walls extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said bottom wall and substantially perpendicular to said front and rear walls, said side walls substantially located at opposing sides of said perimeter.

14. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 13 further comprising a mount for releasably securing said utensil basket to a wall of the washing machine.

15. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 14 wherein said mount comprises a flange extending in a horizontal direction substantially perpendicular to said rear wall, said flange adapted to engage with a horizontal groove located on the wall of the wash tank.

16. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mount further comprises a slit extending through said flange in a direction substantially perpendicular to said horizontal direction of said flange, said slit adapted to receive a flange extending from said groove in a direction substantially perpendicular to said groove.

17. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein said bottom wall is substantially solid for diverting the jet stream from a first stream direction to a second stream direction.

18. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising a drain hole through said bottom wall.

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19. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said drain hole comprises perforations in said bottom wall.

20. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 13 further comprising at least one horizontal cross-member extending between said side walls to divide said utensil basket into multiple compartments.